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STATE CONVENTION

JUNE 24-29, 1941

Last call for State Convention! All Aboard! The program was printed in full in the May issue of this paper. Refer to it for details. Some of the highlights are as follows:

SPEAKERS

Dr. Victor P. Morris, of the University of Oregon, is our guest speaker. He is too well known to need introduction. Royal J. Dye and John T. Chase are two well known missionaries. J. Eric Carlson, General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association (incidentally an Oregon boy) will have an address. Clifford Jope, representing Unified Promotion (incidentally an Oregon boy, also) will be there. Mrs. H. B. Marx, General Secretary of the Missionary Organizations will make her first appearance at an Oregon Convention. Wilbur C. Parry, of the Educational Staff, will help in the Adult Conference. And the Tan-Ditters —they are a whole show in themselves. Others of local fame will grace the program.

ADULT CONFERENCE

The State Educational Committee is sponsoring an adult conference for the forenoon sessions each day. Wilbur C. Parry will be the dean, and the others on the teaching staff are well known. There will be two periods for class work, and in each period four classes run simultaneously. You may select two classes, one in each period, and stay with those classes through the week. There is no charge for registration, but an offering will be taken to help bear the expense of the school. See the May issue of The Oregon Christian for the courses offered. If you have lost it write us for a program.

LABORATORY SCHOOL

While the Adult Conference is in session on the grounds each morning a Laboratory School will be conducted in the church building in Turner. This will be under the guidance of Mrs. Goldia Ferguson, assisted by Mrs. Oakley Rhay. The children from the convention will attend, likewise children from Turner residents. Teachers in the children's Division who are attending the convention may sit in on the laboratory school as observers. They will receive much help from that. Parents will please cooperate with Mrs. Ferguson and her staff.

OTHER FEATURES

An orchestra will play each evening. A preacher's chorus is scheduled for one appearance. The music is under the leadership of Claude and Helen Neely

Victor P. Morris, Guest Speaker

(Nuf ced for that). Missionaries, missionary pastors, and new pastors in the state, will be recognized at a service. A pageant will be presented one night by the Turner young people. The Figueroa Cottage at Turner Memorial Home will be dedicated one afternoon. A bonfire and program will be staged each night under the direction of Walter Myers. Recreation each afternoon under the direction of Jean Shelley. A men's banquet Saturday afternoon. Close with a great communion service and message by Dr. Leake on Sunday afternoon.

REGISTRATION

We want everybody to register. Our total attendance goal is 2,021. It will require everyone to register to reach that. There is no registration fee. Help to reach your church's quota.

COSTS

The cost of convention is pretty much what you want to make it. A restaurant on the grounds will serve meals at modest prices. Mrs. Ethel Lee, of Mallory Ave. Church, will be in charge. The Lodge is sold out. There are yet some rooms in the rear of the tabernacle for $2.50 per bed for the week. Tenting space is $1.50, including straw for bed and wood for cooking on outdoor stoves. Write C. F. Swander, State Secretary, 307 Panama Building, Portland, Oregon, for further information.

CONVENTION SUNDAY

For many years past the State Board has asked Oregon churches to observe the third Sunday in June as State Convention Sunday for the purpose of announcing the state convention, speaking on Oregon Missions, and rounding up the offerings for the year. The missionary year ends June 30, and all offerings should be in by that time. At present writing there are 78 churches and 63 schools that have sent offerings. A few women's groups and young people's societies have had a part. On date of writing (May 22) we are $262.60 ahead of May 31 last year. This is encouraging. If every church will do its best we will exceed our goal for this year. 31 churches have already reached, or gone beyond, their goal. Will you help?

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER GATHERINGS

The following young People's Summer gatherings are listed:

Young People's Conference, Turner, June 30-July 6.

Young People's Conference, Cove, July 27-August 2. For the above write to C. F. Swander, 307 Panama Building, Portland, for information.

Christian Service Camp, Fir Point, July 14-19. Write John Barney, Roseburg, for information.

Christian Service Camp, Bear Springs, July 21-26. Write J. Frank Cunningham, The Dalles, for information.

Christian Service Camp, Fall Creek, July 28-August 2. Write Conley Silsby, Eugene, for information.

CALLED UP HIGHER

Joel R. Benton, pastor of church at Marshfield, died there April 26, after very brief illness. He was buried in Pendleton. He leaves wife and children. He was counted one of our best preachers.

Ashley B. Cash, an honored elder in the Hood River Church, passed away April 24. In his early years he studied for the ministry, but had spent most of his life in government service. He will be missed.

C. A. Miller, prominent member of the Portland Central Church, died in the hospital after a long illness on May 17. He leaves wife and children. He was prominent in business life.

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THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The six district conventions held in April met all expectations. A total daytime attendance of 519, with 77 churches represented made up the total. The messages were good and inspiring. We were encouraged.

A MAY BASKET

The stork was so anxious to get started on his trip to the Cunningham home in The Dalles that he started a day too soon to deliver his package on May Day. Nevertheless he delivered little Frances Ann in apple pie order and papa and mamma are happy.

STATE OFFERINGS

To May 22, 1941

CHURCHES: Baker, $25.00; Bend, $18.75; Brownsville, $10.00; Canby, $2.60; Corvallis, $4.73; Dallas, $30.00; Drain, $5.00; Falls City, $5.00; Gladstone, $4.70; Glendale, $4.00; Kent, $72.25; Kern Park, $17.85; Milton, $24.00; Monmouth, $26.67; Newberg, $19.87; Nyssa, $2.00; Ontario, $2.50; Portland First, $100.00; Redmond, $5.00; Roseburg, $5.18; Salem First, $20.85; Sisters, $25.00; Springfield, $23.11; Sweet Home, $7.70; Vernonia, $9.00; Wallowa, $10.14.

SCHOOLS: Beaverton, $25.00; Ontario, $1.00; Sweet Home, $17.60.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: Roseburg, $5.00; Klamath Falls, $50.00.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Kern Park, $2.50.

INDIVIDUALS: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Reed, $5.00; Courtney Swander, $1.00; Mrs. Celeste Harris, $2.50; Fred A. Hurner, $5.00.

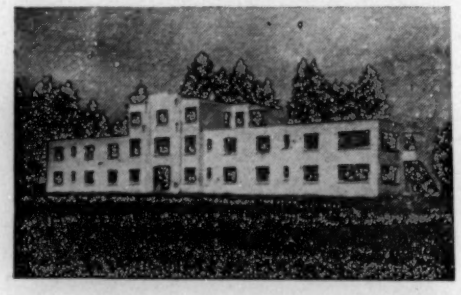
IMPROVEMENTS: Kern Park, $5.00.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS: Mt. Hood District, $10.74; Willamette District, $10.00.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest, $13.86; Principal, $52.14.

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Superintendent



Mrs. Maggie Burnett, nee Phipps, passed by death from Northwestern Christian Home on April 30. She was born in Randolph County, Missouri, July 18, 1859. She entered the Home in Walla Walla from Wenatchee, Washington, December 18, 1935. At Beaverton she lived in the room furnished by the Wenatchee Church, and took great pride in the fact that her room was furnished by the Church to which she had belonged. She was buried in West Hills Cemetery with services conducted by Brother George Springer, our pastor in Beaverton.

The musical sound of Deagan chimes has taken the place of the clanging bell for the calls of the day in the Home. The chimes are a gift from Mrs. Walter L. Myers in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Brunk.

Two members of the family are celebrating 91st birthdays. Mr. Heustis passed his on May 28, and Mrs. Gulliford looks forward to hers on June 24.

The church in Forest Grove helped to make Mother's Day pleasant at Northwestern Christian Home. Early in the morning young people of the High School class brought corsages for the women and button hole bouquets for the men. In the afternoon they returned with the pastor and other members of the church for a program which included music, pantomime, and a sermon by the pastor, Brother Claude Sabin. When the pianist for the pantomime did not appear Mrs. Bassford, of the Home, substituted without a rehearsal and without a hitch.

Among special "eats for the day" were eggs furnished by Mrs. Drollinger, and strawberries by Mrs. Brown, for the shortcake.

The family presented a gift of a pen and pencil set, accompanied by a poem written by Mrs. Short, to their beloved "Louise" who closed her work in the Home to accept another position nearer her own home.

Our Superintendent, Mrs. Laura K. Hill, represented the Home in the Staff meeting of the National Benevolent Association. As the chairman of our Board, Brother Averill, could not attend the national meeting, Mrs. Mary E. Parker was appointed by the Board to represent us.

F. M. Rogers, whom we remember for his services as General Secretary of the N. B. A. when our new building was being planned, is living in his own home in San Gabriel, California. His health permits him to attend meetings.

Our work will be represented on the programs of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington State Conventions this summer by J. Eric Carlson. We are hoping that he may make a "movie" of our home while he is here.

At the middle of May the offerings from Oregon churches this year are within $65.00 of the total of last year. We hope to exceed that by June 30.

May 10 marked the second anniversary of the move from Walla Walla to Beaverton. Those from Eugene came on April 25. 23 members moved into the new home. In two years 7 have gone and 12 others have come.

FIELD VICTORIES

SHERIDAN: 7 baptisms, 8 statements, April 27. Earle Miller, pastor.

ASTORIA: 6 baptisms, 4 by statement. Frank Wallace Zook, pastor.

BEND: 12 baptisms, 5 others, in pre-Easter rally by Walter Fiscus Holly Jarvis, pastor.

REDMOND: 4 added in meeting by Don Williams, a home boy. 9 added since Easter. H. L. Porter, pastor.

SISTERS: 1 baptism, 1 otherwise, on May 4. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

MILL CITY: 150 Ninety-Niners banqueted April 28, O. J. Hull presiding. W. S. Crockett, pastor.

STAYTON: Melvin Traxler leaves in June for a three year school course in Butler University. We regret to lose him, but rejoice with him.

DETROIT: Gottlieb Schmid in meeting which may result in new church.

MYRTLE CREEK: 9 baptisms, 1 by statement, in pre-Easter meeting led by Harry Baird, pastor, assisted by Margaret Mills and Wilma Sargent, N.C.C.

SILVERTON: 6 baptisms since coming here March 23. Russell Myers, pastor.

NEWPORT: 8 added Easter Sunday; 7 since then. 28 added since last July. Finances best in history of church. G. E. Williams, pastor.

THE DALLES: 1 baptized May 11. J Frank Cunningham, pastor.

KENT: Capacity house on Mother's Day with a record offering for state missions. C. F. Swander gave two messages.

MONMOUTH: Will celebrate its 85th anniversary on July 13. All old members are invited to return for the festivities. Willard A. Elkins, pastor.

NINETY AND NINE NEWS

Ray C. Smith, President

TURN OUT FOR TURNER

The State Church Convention this year has a special appeal to men through our participation in the Saturday and Sunday program. The complete program is published elsewhere but we want to urge full cooperation by all Ninety-and-Niners in these sessions. Special features will include the State Executive Meeting, the address "God Give Us Men," by Ross Evans, special music by the Tan-Ditters, the baseball game, the banquet, the 100-voice men's chorus directed by Claude Neely, and the great Men's Bible Class on Sunday morning taught by Aldis Webb, of the Standard Publishing Company. Plan now to attend these meetings.

EVANGELISM

Gospel teams composed of Dr. Beatty, Dallas Meserve, Lloyd Arnett, Art Bailey, Clair Martin, Lloyd Beatty, Ray Smith, and Cleve Hudson, have conducted Sunday evening services at Beaverton, Oregon City, and in a Colored church in Portland. Similar service is within reach of many local churches, and pastors should encourage and train their men to carry on such work. A large and beautiful pulpit Bible, donated by Mrs. Olive Powell, of Vernonia, was presented to the colored brethren by the team, and a rich fellowship was enjoyed by all who participated.

There has been considerable interest in the distribution of New Testaments since announcement of our goal of 5,000 for the year. 3,400 have been purchased and most of these have gone out through local groups. Have you had your share in this very pleasant and profitable work for Christ? Send orders to K. I. Dixon, 4621 S. E. 71st Ave., Portland. Five cents for each plus 40c per hundred for postage.

Yamhill district has ordered 100 Testaments for distribution in the Transient Camp at Dayton.

BOYS' WORK

State Chairman Lloyd Arnett has received these comments from leading Oregon pastors who have known boys' camp from first-hand contacts:

"It is the best piece of Christian work on behalf of boys to ever come under my observation. It is constructively Christian in every way." —GUY L. DRILL, Salem.

"The church must get Christ into the hearts of boys while they are young, and Boys' Camp does great service in accomplishing this." —WALTER FISCUS, Instructor N. C. C.

"The Camp teams up with the church. It should be used to the limit." —NORRIS J. REASONER, Canby.

The dates are as follows: Southern Oregon, at Fir Point near Glendale, July 27 to August 3; Turner, August 3 to 10. Camp programs are now available.

Fifty-six men and boys enjoyed the Father and Son banquet and program at Oregon City Church on April 21. Lloyd Arnett, Cleve Hudson, and Ray Smith, were state officers who assisted. K. I. Dixon was speaker at Corbett on the same evening.

HERE AND THERE

Men in Eastern Oregon have signified their desire to enter more fully into the Ninety-and-Nine work as a result of a series of men's meetings conducted by Ross Evans at Baker, La Grande, Heppner, Enterprise and Nyssa. He travelled over 900 miles on this trip and presented the Ninety-and-Nine challenge to nearly 300 people. At Nyssa there were 71 men in attendance with about half of them from churches in south Idaho where our men are affiliated with the Laymen's League. We are happy to acknowledge and welcome this fellowship.

Brother Evans is now in a meeting with the new church at Nyssa where J. S. Beem has done such fine work. Up to May 15 there had been 10 additions and good interest. The Ninety-and-Nine is supporting Ross here and we expect to further contribute to his next meeting to be held in June at Oakland, where Paul Callahan is minister. While at Oakland we are asking Ross to lead in a men's rally that will result in a definite district organization. John Barney, Eldon Ogle, and Ernie Snodgrass, have been active in rousing the man-power of these churches. Brother Evans asks for our prayers as he continues.

Ray Smith and Ed Dewees attended the rally of Mid-Columbia District, May 20, at Dufur, with 61 men present, and Claude O'Brien, of Springfield, brought a challenging message on "Reasons for Loyalty to the Church." It was agreed to pay at least $30.00 to the state work for this year. Charles McQuary, Albert Owens, and Carl Harmon, are the active and capable officers. Hood River men are helping to support a local boy in N. C. C.

Mallory Avenue Ninety-and-Nine met for a dinner meeting May 20, with about 50 men present, as reported by Hugh McCallum, pastor. Dr. T. C. Lee, local Chinese minister, spoke and showed pictures of China. The group will send at least 8 boys to camp and pay for one young person in summer conference.

Ninety-and-Nine pins in gold and enamel will soon be available at $1.25 each, which will be just what many Ninety-and-Niners have been wanting. Orders should be sent to Clair Martin, 1324 S. E. Sherrett St., Portland.

We congratulate Ninety-and-Niner Albert Kribs, pastor of the Sellwood church in Portland, upon his election to the presidency of the Sellwood Ministerial Association.

Walter Crank, State Vice President, reports that the men of southern Oregon are "up and doing things" in their local churches with improvements completed at Grants Pass, Medford, Central Point, and Ashland, and that their district will furnish its share of boys for the Fir Point Camp. They have also sent in a fine offering of $16.45 to the State Ninety-and-Nine work. Earl Ladd holds a meeting at Medford Central in July.

The men of Myrtle Creek Church entertained the women's class at a pot-luck supper on May 9. Margaret Mills and Wilma Sargent, of N. C. C., and William Vaughn, Stanley Whitney, Harry Baird, E. Snodgrass, and Miss Hope Winter, of the local church, furnished a good program. Ernest Snodgrass is teacher, and Harry Baird is pastor.

The Northwest District held its regular bi-monthly meeting at Corbett, May 26. There were about 150 men present. After the usual good dinner the men went to the High School building for the program and business meeting. The following men were elected as the new Board of Directors, out of whom the officers for the coming term will be selected:

Clair Martin, George Lusby, K. I. Dixon, Dr. Beatty, Lloyd Read, Lloyd Arnett, Cleve Hudson, Ed Deweese, Martin Lee, and Art Bailey.

ESTACADA: O. J. Morris is assisting in a good meeting. He is purchasing a car for the pastor, Palmer Ford, to enable him to remain for the night service each Sunday.

ST. JOHNS: The pastor, Wilbur Torgerson, is being sent to Washington, D. C., by The Portland Council of Churches, to participate in a national peace meeting. Congratulations, Wilbur. David Byerlee will supply the pulpit during his absence.

KERN PARK: The pastor, C. H. Addleman, will take about 25 young people of the church to Bear Springs for a week's retreat early in June.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Grace Hendricks, President

We are entering into the last days of our missionary year. As we look back over the past months, how do we feel about our achievements? Many of you have worked enthusiastically and eagerly, and have felt the joy of accomplishing definite aims. You have had the joy of seeing new members join the fellowship of your groups. Perhaps through the Convocation, the Preaching Missions, observance of the World Day of Prayer, district rallies, and by various other means, you have enjoyed a wider, richer fellowship with other groups. Sometimes these have been from other churches in your own community, sometimes they have been of our own brotherhood from other places. Has it not given you renewed strength and enthusiasm as you have realized how many others are working for the same thing?

You have had a fine year of study, too. There has been a gratifying number of study classes. You have a better understanding of the problems faced by the migrants, and I know that you are better able to help them. You have enjoyed the study of China. Have you not been humbled as you have learned of the courage and faith of the Chinese in the face of war, destruction and privation?

We are conscious of the fact that we are living in times that demand the very limit of everything we have to offer. We cannot drift along in careless indifference. We are called upon to give material and moral support to our beloved democracy. But the Church is the very foundation upon which that democracy is built. It is the only force in the world today that is working for peace, international understanding, and the things that are constructive. It has been said that "Christians hold the world together," and we believe that is our responsibility now. We must do all in our power to make the church the influence it ought to be in the local community, and then, in order to reach the goal of international understanding, we must reach out in love, sympathy and understanding to our fellow-Christians around the world. We must remember them daily in prayer—that strength, courage and wisdom be given them in these trying times. We must remember their need for the necessities of life and give as we have never given before, remembering that our simple living is luxury to them.

When we gather for our happy time of fellowship and inspiration at Turner I hope that every society will report all aims met—that we shall have given as much as, or more than, we gave last year on our regular budget; and I hope that over and above that regular giving each society will have the satisfaction of having made a special gift for the evangelistic work under the supervision of James McCallum in China. If you have fallen a bit short in any of these things can you not in the few days remaining put forth a special effort and yet realize the satisfaction of accomplishing your aims? We must remember, however, that reports must be in EARLY, since the convention is a bit earlier than usual this year. We are anxious to make our record in World Call subscriptions, and that a goodly number have qualified for the Book Club. "If we know, we care," and if we care we will share—all the blessings we have with those near and far who need them.

We will meet at Turner with a consciousness of work well done, with a sense of real victory; we will gather there new ideas and enthusiasm with which to make next year an even greater one in devoted service.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

K. E. Burke, President

SILVERWARE AND GLASSES

The Women's Association and the Dean of Women have been sponsoring a move to supply the Women's Association with silverware and glasses for use at the various social functions of the women. Individuals in the churches have been asked to send in to Mrs. S. E. Stephens, Dean of Women, silverware coupons and small cheese glasses. Many folks who buy cheese in small glasses have an abundant supply of these and are sending in to the college the over supply. If you will share in this send in coupons and glasses.

RECRUITS NEEDED

The ministry needs men. Let us think of our "spiritual defense" and recruit the best of our youth for the "Army of the Lord." Are there consecrated young men of ability in your congregation whom you can interest in the ministry? Why not direct them into some special phase of Christian service? The call for men now far exceeds the number graduating from N. C. C.

FACULTY

Northwest Christian College now has 11 faculty members. The Bible department has three full time and four part time teachers. The speech department has one full time professor and one part time instructor. The music department has two full time instructors and one for part time. The administrative part of the college has one full time, and two part time, workers. There are two matrons for the girls' dormitories. One full time caretaker serves the campus grounds and heating system. Much of the janitor work in the buildings is handled through the N. Y. A. student janitors.

SCHOOL OPENS

College will open September 22 for the 1941-42 year. The first part of the week is given to enrollment and orientation services. Classes will begin Thursday, September 25. The orientation services help students to adjust to college life and the program of Northwest Christian College.

CAMPUS DAY

Thursday, May 15, was observed as campus day at the college. The morning hours were given to campus work. At noon the student body and faculty journeyed to a picnic ground where dinner was served. During the afternoon games of baseball, football, and horseshoes were played. At 5 o'clock a vesper chapel service was held under the trees with Orville Mick, of Albany, as speaker. All were inspired with his report of the St. Louis Convention.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Each year some friend of the college, or some student group, provides the college with needed improvements. This term the Freshman class is providing the material and labor to improve the chapel. The Student Body has installed a heating device in the gymnasium so this building can be used for social functions. The Junior Class has refinished and furnished "The Upper Room," which is the prayer room for the college. The college is grateful for this assistance.

PROMOTION

Oakley Rhay, field representative for the college, has been taking moving pictures of various groups on the campus. These will be used by him in promotional work. Write the college for a date when he can show them in your church.

College President, K. E. Burke, has been visiting churches each week-end with the male quartet since Feb. 1. The group has travelled over 4000 miles and visited 50 churches. The quartet has sung over 500 numbers. Their summer tour will begin June 9. We hope you may hear them this year.

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PENDLETON: Clyde Fleming, pastor, was ordered to report for duty as chaplain in the army. He will be stationed at the air port in Portland.

BROWNSVILLE: Gene Robinson closes a successful pastorate in June. Lawrence Baird will supply for the summer, and Vernon Kullowatz will become the regular student minister in September. Robinson and Dossett will again be in the evangelistic field for the summer. Write them at N.C.C. for dates. We commend them.

NYSSA: To date there have been 12 confessions, 3 statements and 1 reconsecration in the meeting by Ross Evans, state evangelist. This church is progressing in a fine way. They have packed houses.